FACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (c) There is no such proposal with DTC at present. The DTC has intimated that the Route No. 430 operating between Nehru Place Terminal and Kendriya Terminal has a frequency of 15/30 minutes during peak/lean hours, Nehru Place Terminal is well served by the present services on route No. 430.

Mid-day meals scheme for students in Kendriya Vidyalayas

1938. SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any provision or scheme for providing mid-day meals for students in Kendriya Vidyalayas ; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and if not, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI) : (a) and (b) No, Sir. Majority of students in Kendriya Vidyalayas stay in or very near the campus in which the Vidyalayas are located. They either go home for taking lunch or bring tiffin to the school.

High Powered Committee set up by the U.G.C.

1939. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the University Grants Commission has recently set up a high powered Committee consisting of Vice-Chancellors of Universities and others;

(b) if so, what are the objectives and the constitution of this Committee; and

(c) by when the committee is expected to submit its report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI) : (a) to (c) The University Grants Commission is assisted by experts and academics in the relevent fields in respect of a majority of its programmes including formulation of schemes, selection of institutions for implementation of specific programmes, projects for financial support etc. who are associated through subject panels, committees, visiting commitees etc. The Commission is not aware of any other High Powered Committee consisting of Vice-chancellors and others set up recently.

Sri Lankan request for withdrawal of IPKF

1940. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government of Sri Lanka have since requested the Government of India to withdraw the I.P.K.F. and renegotiate the Indo-Sri Lankan accord on a more equitable basis ; and

(b) if so, what is the response of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.